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We are pleased to announce the upcoming FY 2001 Statewide Recreation Conference with special workshops for the Recreation, Wilderness and Engineering Programs. The Conference will be held March 19 - 22 at the Hyatt in Palm Springs. We are excited about this year's conference and feel as though the planning team has developed a timely agenda that will be enlightening and productive for our staffs.

Purpose: This conference is an outgrowth of prior conferences that promoted the concepts of seamless service and networking with other agencies and Bureau programs. This conference has been designed to meet the networking and programmatic needs of the California BLM Recreation, Wilderness and Engineering programs, as well as look at trends and new focus initiatives.

History: The last Statewide Recreation Conference was conducted in Redding in collaboration with the Forest Service. A key element to that conference was the opportunity to network and share ideas and concepts with counterparts in the Forest Service. Additional topics included special recreation permit training, and recreation fee demonstration. Prior to the Redding Conference, a conference was conducted at Fort Ord with the Forest Service.

Conference Specifics: This year's conference has been developed through a working group of BLM recreation, wilderness and engineering personnel. An agenda has been prepared (see attachment). Important subject matter to be presented: future visitors and trends, visitor capacity, wilderness regulations, new technologies, programmatic changes and trends, National Landscape Conservation System issues, and planning regulations. Both plenary, breakout and track sessions will be available to all participants.